



# SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Mt. Zion Elementary

Charleston

Grades: PK-5

Enrollment: 205

Principal: Deborah Fordham

Superintendent: Dr. Nancy J. McGinley

Board Chair: Mr. Hillery Douglas

## PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD/SILVER AWARD	AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
2008	Average	At-Risk	TBD	Not Met	N/A
2007	Average	Average	N/A	Met	N/A
2006	Below Average	At-Risk	N/A	Met	N/A

## ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS\*

EXCELLENT

0

GOOD

0

AVERAGE

12

BELOW AVERAGE

58

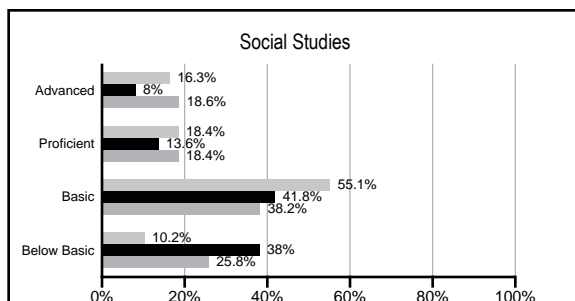
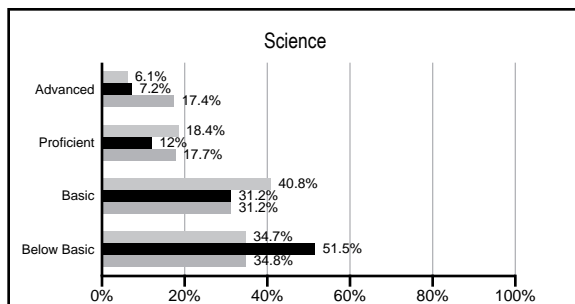
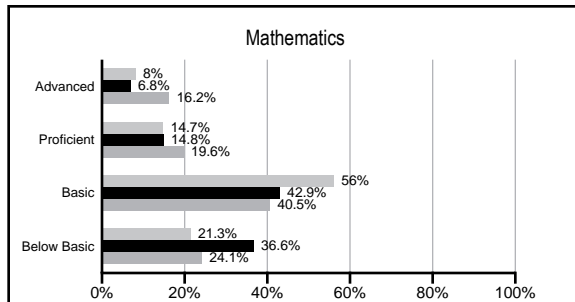
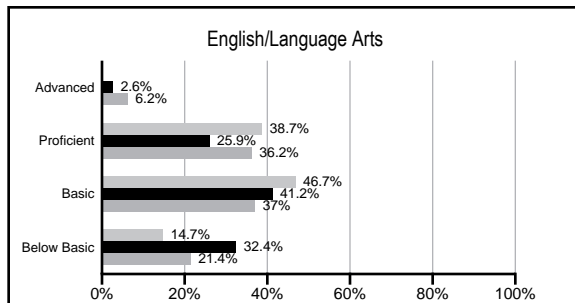
AT-RISK

45

\* Ratings are calculated with data available by 02/17/2009. Schools with Students like Ours are Elementary Schools with poverty indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

## PACT PERFORMANCE

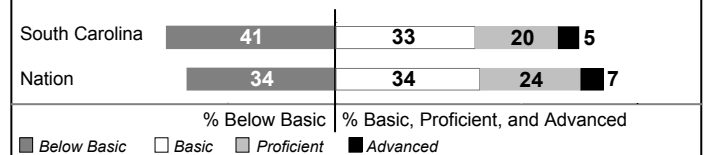
Our School Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours Elementary schools statewide



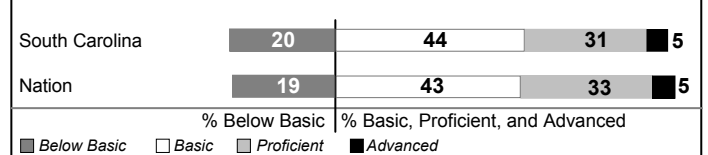
## NAEP PERFORMANCE\*

\* Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.

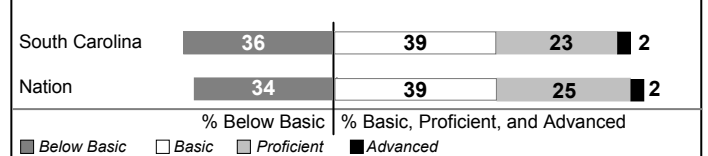
### READING – GRADE 4 (2007)



### MATH – GRADE 4 (2007)



### SCIENCE – GRADE 4 (2005)



## SC PERFORMANCE GOAL

2010 Goal:

By 2010, SC's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the fastest improving systems in the country.

2020 Goal: TBD

### Abbreviations Key

N/A Not Applicable N/AV Not Available N/C Not Collected N/R Not Reported I/S Insufficient Sample TBD To be determined  
NI Newly Identified CSI Continuing School Improvement CA Corrective Action RP Plan to Restructure R Restructure DELAY School Improvement Status HOLD School Improvement Status

Mt. Zion Elementary [Charleston]

SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Elementary School
Students (n=205)				
Retention rate	1.2%	Up from 0.0%	3.1%	2.3%
Attendance rate	95.9%	Down from 96.8%	96.0%	96.3%
Eligible for gifted and talented	7.3%	Down from 9.2%	3.4%	10.4%
With disabilities other than speech	1.9%	Down from 4.1%	7.8%	7.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent &/or criminal offenses	2.0%	Up from 1.5%	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=16)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	31.3%	Up from 23.5%	54.4%	56.7%
Continuing contract teachers	50.0%	Up from 47.1%	69.6%	77.3%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	69.9%	Up from 69.6%	83.2%	86.4%
Teacher attendance rate	95.1%	Up from 94.2%	95.0%	94.9%
Average teacher salary	\$37,591	Up 4.9%	\$43,955	\$45,345
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	15.0%	Up from 5.8%	0.5%	0.0%
School				
Principal's years at school	4.0	Up from 3.0	3.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	18.6 to 1	Up from 10.6 to 1	16.7 to 1	18.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	90.7%	Up from 90.3%	89.3%	89.8%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	No	No Change	Yes	Yes
Character development program	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil*	\$9,076	Up 4.1%	\$8,094	\$7,052
Percent of expenditures for instruction*	66.1%	Up from 62.8%	68.9%	69.1%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries*	51.8%	Down from 61.0%	62.3%	64.2%
% of AYP objectives met	92.3%		70.6%	85.7%

\* Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	13	28	18
Percent satisfied with learning environment	76.9%	92.9%	83.3%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	92.3%	82.1%	83.3%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	46.2%	89.3%	83.3%

\*Only students at the highest elementary school grade level at this school and their parents were included.

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

The mission of Mt. Zion Elementary School, working in partnership with students, staff, parents, and the community, is to ensure that all students are provided a high-quality education through curriculum that utilizes approaches based on content advancement, analysis of abstract themes and concepts, development of complex thinking processes, and transformation of learning into creative products.

A review of the data shows that our school-based Gifted and Talented Program has helped us maintain and grow the number of students scoring in the proficient and advanced categories on PACT. Our Discovery Program has also been effective in helping to meet the needs of our high-ability learners.

We continue to support our struggling learners through activities that are designed to challenge them and support them at the same time. We are determined to make every student reach higher.

We invite you to join us as we work towards fulfilling our mission.

Deborah Fordham, Principal  
Peter Trees, Chair, School Improvement Council

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